



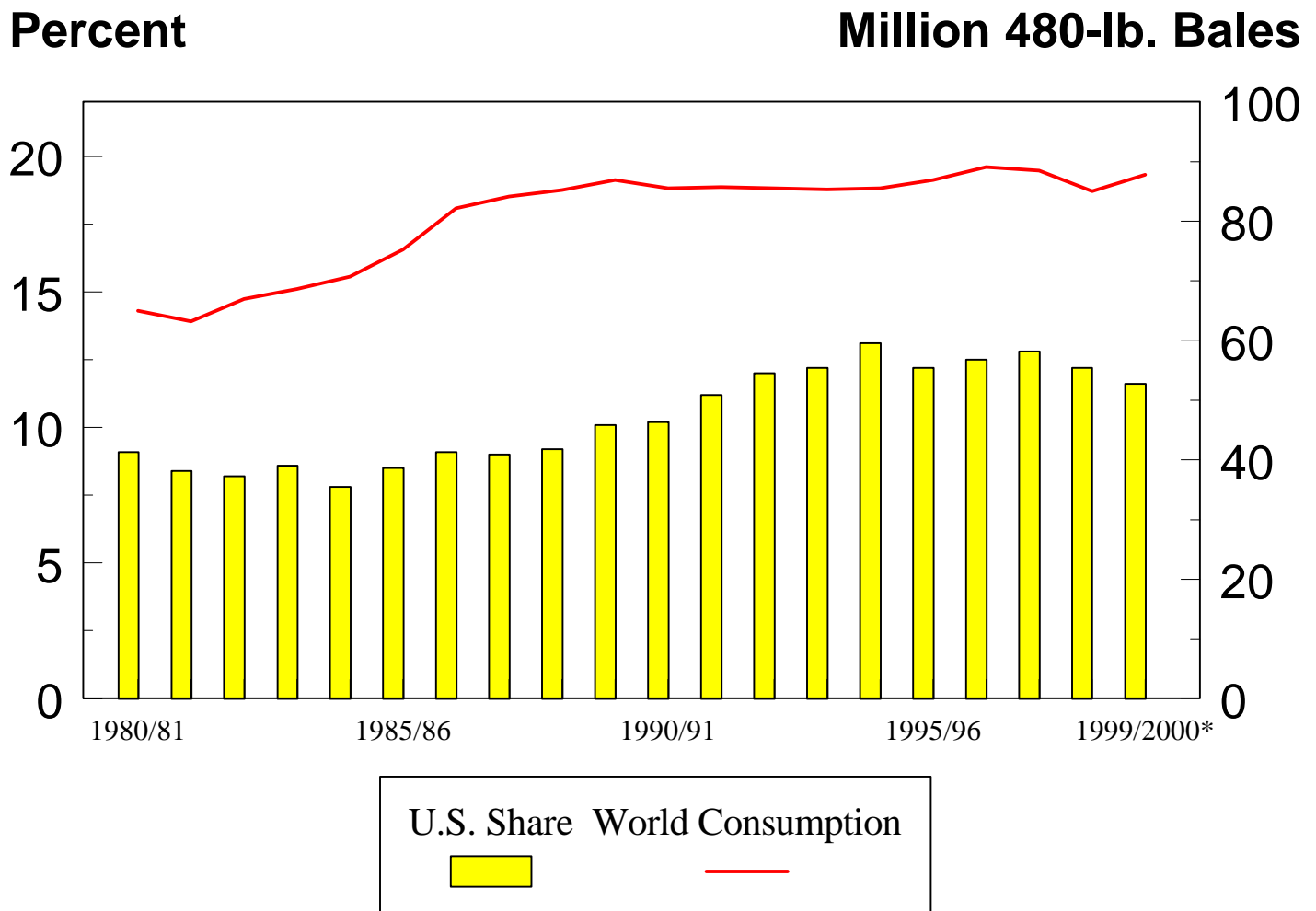
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United States Share of World Consumption Falling



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United States share of world cotton consumption has fallen from a high of 13.1 percent in 1994/95 to 11.6 percent (forecast) for 1999/2000. World cotton consumption is forecast at 87.8 million bales for 1999/2000, an increase of 3.3 percent from the previous year, but 1.3 million bales below the high of 89.1 million bales in 1996/97. United States cotton consumption continues to be pressured downward by cotton textile and apparel imports, which reached about 12.5 million 480-lb. bale equivalents in 1998.